The Table Call of the Lord.

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INTRO. In many churches on Communion Sunday there is no sermon preached by the pastor. They let the Lord's Supper do the preaching. My personal feelings. "I cannot hear what you say, for what you are speaks so loudly." When the voice of God is heard in the Supper the pastor's voice may well remain silent.

This a.m. let us hearken to the Table Call of the Lord

I. It is a call to repentance.

1. No Xn so good, no life so pure and perfect but that needs to be continually reminded of his weakness and short-comings, of the necessity of repentance. X saw that and instituted the supper as a frequent call to repentance.

2. The divorce case withdrawn from court year ago.
A loving couple separated by a bitter quarrel.
The reconciliation
At Xmas the wife's parents sent for their daughter's clothing left in the house.
The husband immediately sent everything, including a pair of little red shoes.
The shoes left on the dresser, the wife, upon entering the room alone and seeing the red shoes was struck in dismay as by lightning. The shoes of their little baby, now lying in a grave. The thot of that baby seeing the father and mother quarrel so, broke her spirit and she knelt before that dresser as before the altar of God and repented of their folly. She sent for her husband and when he came she went down to meet him carrying the shoes with her.
All they needed was repentance.

We Xns, too, need repentance from our follies, our hatreds and quarrels and prejudices and indifferences.

II. The Table Call of the Lord is to love one another truly and sincerely. Jesus knew that the best way to make us love him and his Heavenly Father was to induce us to love one another.

In the death of Jesus we are reminded of the Love of God
The Supper reminds us of the love of our Lord

III. The Table Call of the Lord reminds us of our uncompleted task.

"Have any been omitted" Jesus said, "Drink ye all of it".

The millions who cannot hear the call in Africa and China and India and Japan, in Russia and Germany and Italy.

Yes, and in the U.S. in California and right here in Vacaville.

Jesus sorrowing love for Judas, the absent one, even tho he was a betrayer.

God's sorrowing love for all absent ones today, from the Table of Love & good will & fellowship.

As we partake of the Supper today let us hearken to the call of God - to repentance, to love, ~~to sacrifice~~, to service.